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INFLAMMATORY BOWEL
DISEASE COMPRISING IL-6
ANTAGONIST AS AN ACTIVE
INGREDIENT

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 15, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: